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STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for an update by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the status of the subject U.S. patent application. A Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed on 26 May 2004 and the Issue Fee was paid on 19 August 2004. The Issue Fee was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 23 August 2004 as evidenced by the copy of the Return Receipt Postcard stamped by the mail room of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office enclosed herewith. However, as of the date of this communication, the Letters Patent has not yet issued. Accordingly, Applicants

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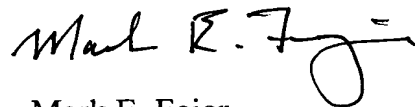
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respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office provide the undersigned with an indication as to the status of the subject application.

Any questions regarding this request should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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